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THE DAY OF THE TACKLE

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Dogs flying

■ THE Western Bulldogs are the latest club testing a new method of easing interstate travel — using blood stimulant Bodyflow over the past two days.

On the back of the Tigers' use and success in Perth recently, the Bulldogs players all used the system on the way over and will on the way home. Bodyflow is an electric current stimulant that helps blood flow through the legs and body.

"We thought it the perfect time to trial and see if it helps with recovery," football operations manager James Fantasia said.



Grinners: The victorious Victorians belt out their song.

Song only a dream

■ IF you thought the Big V players were struggling with the words of their team song last weekend, then consider the Dream Team.

The combine, remarkably, had no words or theme song ready to launch into in case they won.

"We probably would have gone with *We Are The Champions*," assistant coach Neale Daniher said.

A few players joked with Dean Cox that perhaps the West Coast song would have been suitable, given how little it had been heard recently.

■ IT may have had mixed reaction, but the Dream Team concept has

proved popular with broadcaster Channel 10.

Ten's coverage peaked at a whopping 789,000 at 8.30pm in Melbourne.

The game's average was 676,000 — with the match still drawing 651,000 at 10.45pm.

That makes the Victoria v Dream Team clash the most watched football game of the year — with only the Grand Final likely to knock it off.

Predictably, it was a different story further north.

New South Wales took the match live, but managed a peak of only 149,000 at 8.30pm.